

### **BOYD ANNOUNCES STIMULUS FUNDS FOR PANAMA CITY HABITAT RESTORATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd announced today that the Panama City Coastal Program Office will receive \$1.5 million in federal stimulus dollars for habitat restoration projects in the area. These funds were included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was recently signed into law with Congressman Boyd's support.

"I am pleased the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service facilities in Panama City will receive stimulus funds to bolster the important work they do of protecting Florida's ecosystem," said Congressman Boyd. "This critical investment will advance long-term conservation and create local jobs."

The stimulus funds allocated for the Panama City Coastal Program Office will be used for the following projects:

- \$900,000 for Coastal Dune Lakes culvert removal and bridge construction
- \$400,000 for Topsail Hill Preserve State Park restoration
- \$200,000 for Tarkiln Bayou wetland restoration

Additionally, the Panama City Fisheries Resource Office will receive \$200,000 for priority stream and riparian zone restoration in the Panhandle.

These federal funds are part of a \$280 million investment in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve facilities and promote conservation at Wildlife Refuges and Hatcheries across the nation.